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2/ we had a short V mail from him yesterday and one on Monday. We are keeping in touch with him through "Life magazine", that is as to his whereabouts, you will see by one of his letters where a "Life" man was where he is, and even slept in his tent, and would have flown with him on a "Mission" so as to get first hand information for the Magazine. Frank thinks there will be something about him, and I know there would be, but at the last moment, things got mixed and this man flew on another plane. Dont know when it will be published, but we are getting a "Life" every week, so as not to miss it. Je we are having it plenty hot here now, guess its the same with you and we need rain mighty bad. Know its hot for you on the road and in strange places too but maybe it wont last long and you will soon get permanently located some place you will like, but right now, I'd stay where I am, that is living, cause you wont find another home as cheap

3/ as the one you have now, and as long as you are on the road, its as good as any other place, maybe a few more hours to ride, but they are paying for that anyway.

We rec'd your letter and I think I mailed one from Sister one night that was addressed to Meridian Miss, was wondering if you rec'd it OK.

Things with us are moving along in the same old rut, Mama has about gotten straight again am glad to say, think the hot weather had her. I surely enjoyed being home with her last week.

I know Janet had a swell birthday party wish I had been there. I know she's getting to be a great big little girl now and is almost as tall as Melba.

Never mind, Sister's going to have one next Saturday wish you could be here to help us enjoy hers. am glad its on Saturday cause that's the only night I dont have to go to bed early. But while I was off last week I didn't

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go to bed till late, would stay up with Mama and Sister but I'd get sleepy anyway, and I still waked up early everymorning altho I didnt have to go to work. Habits a great thing, isnt it?

I dont know if any one ever told you but one morning week before last Francis Broadbent & Aunt Libby came to see us, or I mean to see Mama, Francis was so pleased with us house, said she never saw anyone with the luck we have in getting such a house at the time we did! Said she had no idea from the looks outside, any house could have so much room and be so nicely arranged on the inside.

Well, I'm going to stop now for believe me, I'm so full of fried chicken and corn & tomatoes can hardly navigate, write us when you can cause we look for your letters and you know me I get mad when they dont come, Remember us to Mother Ackle & write often — Daddy.